

810-5-1-.218 Disabled Veteran Distinctive License Plates.

(1) Disabled veterans may qualify for the Disabled Veteran license plate under the provisions of Sections 32-6-130, 40-12-254 and 40-12-244, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) An explanation of the qualifications under each code section as well as the types of vehicles the plates may be displayed upon is as follows:

(a) Section 32-6-130 provides a disabled veteran distinctive license plate for private passenger automobiles, pickup trucks or pleasure motor vehicles (i.e., recreational vehicles) to be issued to disabled veterans who are residents of this state and who are suffering a physical disability which requires that any motor vehicle he or she operates be equipped with special mechanical control devices or whose physical disability exceeds 50 percent for a fee of \$5.00. Additional distinctive license plates may be purchased by the disabled veteran under this section by the payment of the \$5.00 fee for each additional license plate so desired. Veterans qualifying for the \$5.00 distinctive license plate may display the license plate on all weight pleasure motor vehicles. There is no limit on the number of disabled veteran license plates issued.

(b) Under the provisions of Section 40-12-254, a disabled veteran who owns a vehicle which has been all or partly paid for with funds furnished by the administrator of Veterans Affairs may obtain (1) one registration fee and ad valorem tax exempt disabled veteran distinctive license plate. Additional disabled veteran distinctive license plates may not be obtained by the disabled veteran under this section. Veterans qualifying for a disabled veteran license plate under this section may display the license plate on private passenger automobiles, pickup trucks, or pleasure motor vehicles (i.e., recreational vehicles) not exceeding 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

(c) Section 40-12-244 provides that a disabled veteran, with a service connected disability, who was an Alabama resident at the time of entering service, and who is still an Alabama resident at the time of applying for a registration fee exempt license plate, he or she may obtain (1) one registration fee exempt disabled veteran distinctive plate for a private passenger automobile, pickup truck or pleasure motor vehicle (i.e., recreational vehicle), not exceeding 12,000 pounds. Additional disabled veteran distinctive license plates may not be obtained by the disabled veteran under this section.

(3) Disabled veterans applying for a disabled veteran distinctive license plate must provide the county licensing official with one of the following documents issued by the Department of Veteran Affairs: an affidavit certifying the percentage of disability to the veteran; certification from the Physical Evaluation Board (PEB); or certification from the Medical Evaluation Board

(MEB).

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